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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1671 - TITANIUM

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1671/3

B. STATE 137460

1. USDEL HAD STATEMENT BASED ON REF B ADDED, WITH JUNE 16 DATE, TO REF A, ROUND III RECORD OF DEBATE ON THIS ITEM. AT JUNE 26 COCOM MEETING ALL DELS EXCEPT FRENCH CONFIRMED EARLIER AGREEMENT OR WERE OPEN MINDED ON RETENTION OF US PROPOSED (B)(VI). FRENCH CONTINUED AD REF AGREEMENT, BUT ASKED THAT AN EXCLUSION CLAUSE BE ADDED TO (B)(VI) TO PERMIT EXPORTS OF 6 AL 6 VA 2 T ALLOY. THEY CLAIMED THIS WAS A "COMPLETELY CLASSICAL" ALLOY USED IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS IN THE SAME WAY AS THE OLDER, SLIGHTLY LESS SUITABLE, TA6V.

2. USDEL SAID HE FELT SURE THAT THE US WAS NOT INTERESTED IN EMBARGOING NON-STRATEGIC ALLOYS BUT POINTED OUT WE HAD SOUGHT TO NARROW DOWN THE COVERAGE TO OUR BEST ABILITY. IN DOING SO, WE HAD TRIED TO GET AWAY FROM NOMINALLY BROAD COVERAGE OF ALLOYS WITH MANY EXCEPTIONS. HE UNDERTOOK TO REFER FRENCH REQUEST TO WASHINGTON BUT SUGGESTED FRENCH MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE TO THE PROPOSED REDEFINITION AND THEN PURSUE EXEMP-

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TION FOR THE ALLOY IN WHICH THEY WERE INTERESTED LATER

IN THE "DEF" SERIES SO THAT THE TITANIUM
DEFINITION MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE AMENDED IN THE FIRST
TRANCHE. FRENCH DEL SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDERUS SUGGES-
TION BUT, PENDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH
INTERESTED AUTHORITIES , MUST MAINTAIN AD REF POSITION.

3. GERMAN DEL, IN AGREEING TO REINSERTION OF (B)(VI),
NOTED TARTLY THAT THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME THE US HAD
CHANGED ITS POSITION ON PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS, AND HOPED
IT WOULD BE THE LAST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH FRENCH
EXCLUSION REQUEST. WE BELIEVE THAT IF WE CAN OFFER AS-
SURANCE OF EVENTUAL ACCOMMODATION, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
CONFIRM AD REF, THEREBY CLEARING ITEM.
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